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SUBJECT: TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON USLO

REF: STATE 015476

1. IN RESPONSE PARA 2 REFTTEL, ALL USLO PERSONNEL MUST  
FILE STANDARD WRITTEN REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO  
TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF 20 KILOMETER RADIUS OF PEKING,  
INCLUDING WHEN THEY ACCOMPANY U.S. VISITING DELEGATIONS.  
REQUEST ROUTINELY SPECIFIES ALL CITIES TO BE VISITED  
AND APPROXIMATE DATE OF RETURN TO PEKING. IN CASE OF  
ESCORT OFFICERS, SINCE MFA ALREADY INFORMED USLO  
OFFICER WILL BE PART OF DELEGATION, APPROVAL IS  
AUTOMATIC AND CAN BE OBTAINED ON SHORT NOTICE. QUESTION  
OF AMENDING AN ITINERARY ONCE ON THE ROAD HAS NEVER  
ARISEN. WE SUSPECT, HOWEVER, THAT IF DELEGATION'S  
ITINERARY CHANGED, CHINESE HOSTS WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS  
TO AMEND TRAVEL PERMIT FOR USLO ESCORT OFFICER. IN CASE  
OF INDIVIDUAL USLO TRAVELLERS, WE ASSUME PROCEDURE WOULD  
BE TO MAKE REQUEST THROUGH CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE GUIDE  
WHO WOULD THEN HAVE TO SEEK CHANGE THROUGH MFA PROTOCOL  
DEPARTMENT, PEKING. CHANGES FOR INDIVIDUALS COULD VERY  
WELL BE "INCONVENIENT". HOWEVER, CITIES CAN BE DROPPED OR  
DURATION OF TRIP SHORTENED WITHOUT REQUESTING APPROVAL.

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2. AS FOR OTHER USG PERSONNEL VISITING CHINA ON CONSULTATIONS,

THEY ARE GENERALLY EXPECTED TO PROCEED FIRST TO PEKING WHERE A TRAVEL PERMIT SPECIFYING DATES AND NAMES OF OTHER CITIES TO BE VISITED IS ISSUED. CHINESE HAVE BEEN RATHER TIGHT ON THESE REQUESTS, AND WE HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN ON REQUESTS FOR VISITS TO SIAN, LOYANG, NANKING, CHANGSHA AND SHENYANG. ONLY CITIES APPROVED FOR USG PERSONNEL OTHER THAN USLO OFFICERS IN RECENT MONTHS HAVE BEEN SHANGHAI, CANTON AND HANGCHOW. AGAIN, ANY CHANGE OF ITINERARY OR A REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SAY WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING, AND WE WOULD NOT RATE CHANGES OF APPROVAL VERY HIGH.

3. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH BRITISH HERE, AND THEY CANNOT RECALL AN INSTANCE OF THEIR PERSONNEL CHANGING THEIR ITINERARY WHILE ON THE ROAD EITHER. THEY AGREE WITH OUR ASSUMPTIONS CONCERNING PROCEDURE.  
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